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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Coachella – Escaped Inmate Caught by Riverside County Law Enforcement Team**

(U) An escaped inmate from Northern California was caught in Coachella. The Riverside County Gang Impact Team caught 32-year-old Nicolas Dunning during a traffic stop. Dunning was discovered missing from the Konocti Conservation Camp in Lake County on New Year's Eve. The District Attorney stated Dunning was located through the help of investigative leads.

SOURCE: 5 January 2019, [KESQ News](#)

(U) Santa Clara – Police Kill Heavily Armed Man Shooting Inside Gas Station Store

(U) Santa Clara police officers killed a heavily armed man who was firing his gun inside a gas station convenience store. Officers believed there was an active shooter when they arrived and shot the suspect. Dispatchers received multiple 911 calls regarding a heavily armed male indiscriminately shooting in the parking lot, as well as inside the store. He was shooting randomly at passing motorists and pedestrians, but no one else was injured.

SOURCE: 5 January 2019, [SF Gate](#)

(U) Torrance – Three Killed, Four Injured in California Bowling Alley Shooting

(U) Three men were fatally shot and four injured when a brawl at a popular Los Angeles area bowling alley and karaoke bar erupted into gunfire. Police responded to calls of shots fired and found seven people with gunshot wounds. Authorities have not released details about what led to the shooting. Witnesses stated it stemmed from a fight between two large groups of patrons.

SOURCE: 5 January 2019, [Associated Press](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Utah – Man Arrested in Connection with Alleged Pipe Bomb Plot**

(U) Salt Lake City – A man was arrested after police received several tips about pipe bombs loaded with highly explosive gunpowder. Rocky Andres Graczyk was taken into custody after investigators received a text message showing him asking for money to buy guns. Police searched his home where they observed large gunpowder containers and multiple fuses. Police said he wanted to scare a lot of people by setting the bombs off throughout the city on New Year's Eve.

SOURCE: 5 January 2019, [ABC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Egypt – Egyptian Explosives Expert Killed Defusing Bomb near Church in Cairo**

(U) Cairo – An Egyptian police officer was killed while attempting to defuse a bomb near a church in an eastern Cairo suburb, less than two days before Egypt's Christians celebrate the Coptic Christmas. The device was one of two found inside a bag on a nearby rooftop. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Egyptian security forces have for years battled Islamist insurgents who have attacked Coptic Christians, tourists, and security personnel.

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SOURCE: 5 January 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Gabon – Coup Attempt, Two Army Rebels Killed

(U) Libreville – Two soldiers who took part in an attempted coup in Gabon have been killed. They were shot dead after security officers stormed the national radio building that they had taken over. Three others are under arrest. The junior officers claimed they seized power "to restore democracy" in oil-rich Gabon where the ailing leader's family has ruled for 50 years. The president stated that the situation is under control.

SOURCE: 7 January 2019, [BBC News](#)

(U) Syria – Two Americans Accused of Fighting for ISIS Captured in Syria

(U) Idlib – The US backed Syrian Democratic Forces captured two Americans in Syria who are suspected of being ISIS fighters. The Americans were captured in a group that also contained fighters from Ireland and Pakistan. A Pentagon spokesman stated the incident is under investigation.

SOURCE: 6 January 2019, [CNN](#)

(U) Syria – ISIS Missile Injures UK Special Forces in Syria

(U) Shafa – Two members of the British special forces have been wounded in an attack by ISIS fighters in Syria. The two soldiers were hit by an ISIS missile attack on a Syrian Democratic Forces base in the east Syrian town of Shafa, Deir ez-Zor. A Kurdish fighter was killed in the attack. The two British soldiers are in a stable condition.

SOURCE: 6 January 2019, [CNN](#)

(U) Yemen– US Believes Airstrike Killed Terrorist behind USS Cole Bombing

(U) Marib – US officials believe a drone strike killed one of the terrorists behind the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen. Jamel Ahmed Mohammed Ali Al-Badawi was wanted in connection with the deaths of Americans from the attack on 12 October 2000. US forces conducted a precision airstrike targeting al-Badawi on 1 January in the Marib governorate. Officials are still assessing the results to confirm his death.

SOURCE: 5 January 2019, [CBS News](#)

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